

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Application No.: 10/586,690	) Group Art Unit: 1793
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For: JOINING METHOD AND DEVICE PRODUCED BY THIS METHOD AND JOINING UNIT

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b)**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed **December 28, 2009** (Final Action), the period for response to which is set to expire on **March 28, 2010**, please amend the above-captioned application, without prejudice or disclaimer as follows. Applicants submit there are good and sufficient reasons, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b), for entering these amendments. In particular, in view of the following remarks, it is believed these amendments will put the above application in better condition for allowance or appeal.

Applicants' representative, Ajay A. Jagtiani, also respectfully requests a telephone conference in the event the Examiner has any questions, comments or suggestions that would place any pending claim not in allowable form in better condition for allowance. Applicants' representative may be reached directly at 202-312-3380.

**Amendments to Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.